



FTS/AWF CAREER PATH (AW/NAC)



Naval Aircrewman Mechanical (AWF) belongs to a diverse community that is highly specialized to the platform to which they are assigned. AWF's serve as Flight Engineers on P-3, and C-130 aircraft. In addition, they serve as loadmasters and/or Crew Chiefs on C-2, C-40, C-20, C-37 and C-130, Second Loadmaster on C-40, and C-130					
YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/SHORE ROTATION	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
26-30	AWCM	24.4 Yrs	CMC	Not Defined	4th Shore Tour Billet: CMC/TYCOM/FRC SEA
23-26	AWCM AWFCS AWFC	24.4 Yrs 21.1 16.3	CMC, CSC	Not Defined	4 th Sea Tour Billet: CMC/CSC/LCPO. Duty: VP/VR/ETD Qualification: NATOPS Instructor/ NATOPS Evaluator/ SFF/QA Supervisor
19-23	AWFCS AWFC AWF1	21.1 Yrs 16.3 9.9	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy, NROTC, RDC	Not Defined	3rd Shore Billets: Instructor/Operations CPO/Maint CPO/Production Control Duty: FRC/NALO/CFLSW/ALTC/CNAFR Qualification: MTS/SFF
15-19	AWFCS AWFC AWF1	21.1 Yrs 16.3 9.9	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy, NROTC,	Not Defined	3 rd Sea Tour Billets: NATOPS LPO/LCPO/ Training LPO/LCPO/Operations LPO/LCPO/QA LPO/LCPO Maintenance Control LPO/LCPO. Class room instructor Duty: VP/VR/ETD Qualification: NATOPS Instructor Evaluator, Instructor under Training Instructor. Positional Qualification CC/FE/LM NI/SFF/QAR/ CDQAR/ NAMP Program Manager/ NAMP Program Monitor.
12-15	AWFC AWF1 AWF2	16.3 Yrs 9.9 3.7	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy, NROTC, RDC	Not Defined	2nd Shore Billets: Instructor/Operations PO Duty: NALO/CFLSW/ALTC/CNAFR Qualification: MTS
9-12	AWF1 AWF2	9.9 Yrs 3.7	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy, NROTC	Not Defined	2nd Sea Tour/ Billets: Work Center Supervisor/ Schedules Petty Officer/ NATOPS Instructor. Duty: VR/VP/ETD Qualifications Positional qualification LM ANI/CC/FE.
6-9	AWF2 AWF3	3.7 Yrs 1.4	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy, NROTC, RDC	Not Defined	1st Shore Billets: Instructor/Operations PO Duty: NALO/CFLSW/ALTC/CNAFR Qualification: MTS
2-6	AWF2 AWF3	3.7 Yrs 1.4	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy, NROTC	Not Defined	1 st Sea Tour Billets: Aircrewman. Duty: VR/VP/ETD. Qualification: NATOPS positional qualification LM/2LM/ Plane Captain/NAWS/ EAWS/CDI.



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1+/-	AWFAN AWFAA Accession Training	9 Months			Recruit raining/NACCS/ALTC and all schools or training events required to be completed prior to reporting to their first operational command.

NOTES:

1. Upon completion of initial training pipelines, AWFs are typically close-looped detailed by their NEC/platform until there is no longer a need for that particular NEC.
2. Member must volunteer for duty involving flying.
3. Must attend refresher training at a Fleet Replacement Squadron if distributed to a billet not requiring regular flight. Annual NATOPS evaluations.
4. ACRONYMS SPECIFIC TO THE AW RATE INCLUDE:

PCMCPO	Production Control Master Chief
MMCPO	Maintenance Master Chief
MSCPO	Maintenance Senior Chief
ALTC	Air Logistics Training Command
NATOPS	Naval Aviation Training Operations Procedures and Standardization
NACCS	Naval Aircrew Candidate School
QAR	Quality Assurance Representative
SFF	Safe for Flight
FE	Flight Engineer
CC	Crew Chief
LM	Loadmaster
2LM	Second Loadmaster
NE	NATOPS evaluator
ANE	Assistant NATOPS instructor
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5. Maintenance rated Fixed Wing Aircrewmembers were merged into the AW rating in 2008 when the AW service ratings were established. The following AW service ratings were effective on 1 Oct 2008: AWR, AWS, AWO, AWF, AWV. All Senior Chief Petty Officers in the five service ratings compress to the AWCM rating when selected as a Master Chief Petty Officer.
6. In addition to operational duties, all AWs are required to maintain minimum Naval Aircrew standards as well as maintain a SECRET or higher security clearance.